ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, HAMMERSMITH.

AT the personal expense of his lordship, the Bishop of London, a church has been built at Shepherd's Bush, under the direction of Mr. Salvin, and was consecrated a few days ago. The bishop also endows it with 150*l.* per annum out of the revenues of his see: the Ecclesiastical Commissioners add 40*l.* per annum, being the amount of the reserved fund payable to them on account of the sinecure impropriated rectory of Fulham and Hammersmith. It is to be the church of a new parish, which is to be named St. Stephen's, Hammersmith; the patronage to be with the Bishop of London for the time being.

The building comprises a chancel, with vestry on south side, nave with aisles, north porch, and tower and spire at west end of north aisle. It is in the Decorated style, and of very satisfactory character. The walls, 2 feet 3 inches thick, are faced with Kentish rag, and the dressings are of Bath stone. The roof timbers, slight in appearance, are open: the spaces between the rafters are plastered and tinted blue,—further decorated in the chancel by scroll-work. The church has open sittings for 632 persons. The organ is on the floor-level, under the tower: the font is near it. The pulpit and reading desk are on the south side: there is no clerk's seat.

The east window, of stained glass (by Wailes) has been presented by members of the bishop's family; the west window, by some residents in the neighbourhood of the church; the two north windows in the chancel, by a gentleman in the neighbourhood; the south window in the chancel, by the architect and builder; the two windows at the east ends of the north and south aisle, by a number of the Essex clergy, as a mark of respect and affection to their former diocesan; a small window near the roof of the chancel, by the bishop's chaplain; and the two quartre-foils in the nave, by Mr. Willement; the organ, by some personal friends of the bishop; the communion plate, by his family and two friends; a silver-gilt alms' dish, by the same Essex clergy; and the font by the churchwardens of the Holy Trinity, Finchley, in testimony of their gratitude for the great assistance rendered to that district by the bishop. The bishop is about to build a parsonage-house, and it is expected that schools will be erected by the parishioners.

The site has been given partly by Messrs. Gomm, of Hammersmith, and partly by the bishop, as lord of the manor, who has also purchased a piece of ground to be added to the site of the house for a garden. The fabric of St. Stephen's was erected in the space of six months by the builders, Messrs. Bird, of Hammersmith: the whole completed in thirteen. The interior is entirely fitted with English oak, and the walls decorated with appropriate inscriptions and diapers, by Castel: the aisles are laid with Staffordshire red and buff tiles, and the chancel with Messrs. Minton's encaustic tiles: the organ was built by Mr. Bishop.

Our view shows the interior, looking west.

The following are the dimensions of the building:—

	Ft.	In.
Length of nave	68	0
Length of chancel	34	6
Total length inside	102	6
The total length from outside walls	107	6
Width of nave	24	0
Width of aisles (each 11 feet)	22	0
Width of piers of nave (each 2 feet 4 inches)	4	8
Total width inside	50	8
Total width from outside walls	55	4
The width of chancel inside	21	0
Ditto outside walls	25	8
There are north and south aisles to chancel extending 14 feet 4 inches beyond the west side of chancel arch, making the length of aisles inside	82	4
Width across chancel and chancel aisles inside	49	8
Tower (west end of north aisle) inside, square	10	0
Ditto ditto outside, square	17	0
The vestry at south of south chancel aisles, inside, is, square	12	0
The height of the nave to ridge is	46	0
The height of the tower to base of spire is	56	9
The height of tower to top of cross	75	0
Total height of tower and spire	131	9

NOTES IN THE PROVINCES.

THE damage done to St. Michael's Church, Cambridge, by the late fire, is found, on examination by Mr. Scott, the architect, to be such as to require extensive repairs, including the entire restoration of the roof, and considerable strengthening of the walls, &c. &c. An appeal to the public beyond the limits of the parish has therefore been made, as the parish contains only 400 inhabitants, far from wealthy. The first contract (for the restoration of the roof and walls) has been taken by Messrs. Quinsee and Attack, at 1,154*l.* 5s., of which sum the parish is liable for 731*l.* 5s.——The Plymouth council are about to lay down a quantity of glass pipes, jointed with gutta percha, as an experiment, for the conveyance of water.——The Board of Guardians of the Truro Union entered into a contract with Mr. J. Pryor, builder, Truro, week before last (his tender being the lowest), for the building of the Union-house, at St. Clement's. The amount is 8,521*l.* They also appointed Mr. Rugg, clerk of works, who has been engaged in superintending the Shepton Mallet Union. There were forty-five applications for the office. The architect for the above is Mr. William Harris.——Mangotsfield Church, for some time dilapidated, has undergone thorough repair, under the direction of Messrs. Pope, Bindon, and Clarke, of Bristol. The edifice has been newly roofed, and is supported by pillars, with connecting arches, in the Perpendicular style. The windows are filled with stained glass, in imitation of the early style. The high and unsightly seats have been removed, and light and convenient ones substituted. Mr. Rogers is the builder, and Mr. J. Davis the master mason employed.——A public meeting has been held at Sudbury, for the erection of a suitable memorial to the late Mr. G. E. Anson, secretary to Prince Albert, Lord Waterpark in the chair, when it was determined that the clerestory windows of the church of Hanbury, the parish where Mr. Anson resided, should be restored and illuminated. Two hundred pounds will be required.——An extensive monastery, it is said, is about to be erected at Rugby.——The superintendent of the gas company at Rugby has found, as anticipated, that the materials for purification of gas already referred to *may* be repeatedly used without the least exhaustion of their power. In noticing before the mode in which the "sulphuretted hydrogen" was got rid of, that term was inadvertently made use of once too often, instead of "sulphurous acid gas," in which form the *oxygen* of the air alluded to causes the sulphur to escape of course, and not as sulphuretted hydrogen. As to the result, it matters not: in both cases the oxide of iron remains—the one useful chemical ingredient, mixed with the sawdust and the *used-up* lime in sulphate.——The foundation stone of a new church, to be called St. Marie's,(?) was to be laid on Monday last, at Liverpool. Mr. Hay is the architect.——The Rev. Dr. Young's pupils are raising a subscription to place a stained glass window in the ancient church of Houghton-le-Spring, where they attended when at Kepier Grammar School.——Some very successful experiments appear to have been tried at Bolton, with jet and hose acted through by the mere pressure of water in the mains, opened for use by the attachment of new water valves invented by Messrs. Taylor and Galloway. Streams of water were thus not only thrown over the houses, but purposely directed on a chimney, whence brick after brick was toppled by the mere power of the stream. A new fire-escape was also exhibited on the same occasion, before the local authorities, and Mr. Hawksley and other gentlemen from Liverpool, assembled on purpose, according to the *Bradford Observer*.——Mr. James Hartley has presented a stained glass window to Bishopwearmouth church, manufactured at the donor's works.——A committee of Durham county magistrates, we understand, says the *Gateshead Observer*, "have selected from the sixty-five candidates for the office of county surveyor, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Bonomi, the following five gentlemen, one of whom will be appointed by the court:—Mr. John Hosking, of Gateshead; Mr. G. B. Bruce, of Berwick; and Messrs. J. Hill, G. Sibley, and A. H. Patterson, of London. Mr. Hosking is the gentleman who personally carried out Mr. Robert Stephenson's design of the High Level Bridge." We understand the latter was elected.——The old Stockwell bridge at Glasgow is now in course of demolition. "Antiquaries," observes the *Reformers' Gazette*, "will no doubt be looking forward with interest to the probability of there being found, in some part of the structure, the foundation-stone, which, if ancient builders followed the modern practice, need not be sought for very deep in the bed of the river." It is to be hoped, at all events, that something else will be found than merely "a white porcelain biscuit vase with its virgin purity tarnished by the trail of dirty fingers," as on a late *melancholy* occasion.——Mr. G. J. Foljambe, of Osberton Hall, is about to build a church at his own cost, at Brierly, near Barnsley.——A chimney at Darwen, erected in 1847, and about 95 feet high, lately fell to the ground: the foundation had given way shortly after its erection.——A tesselated Roman pavement, in good preservation, has been found amongst the drains in Feather's-lane, Chester. It appears to have led in a direct line to the baths in Bridge-street.——The church of John the Baptist, at Godley-cum-Newton-green, was consecrated on Thursday week before last. It contains 543 sittings in the body of the church (157 free), and 253 free sittings for children in a gallery. Mr. Shellard, of Manchester, furnished the design.——At the last meeting of the Birmingham board of guardians, Mr. Drury, one of the architects of the new workhouse, stated that about thirty applications had been sent in for the office of clerk of the works. Out of that number Mr. Swiney, of London, and Mr. Husband, of Lichfield, had been selected as most eligible, and the guardians gave their assent to the appointment of the latter. The security for the fulfilment of the contract for building the new house was 3,000*l.* as a reserve in payments, and a joint security of 3,000*l.* more. Mr. Glen, the contractor, gave the names of two sureties, whom the guardians by a large majority accepted.——The foundation stone of a church to be erected at Wavertree was laid on Tuesday week. It will consist of a nave 66 feet by 27 feet, and 57 feet in height, with aisles the same length, and 15 feet wide, a chancel 40 feet in length, a south porch, and a steeple at west end of nave, 36 feet wide at base, and rising to 151 feet in height. Owing to limited funds, it is only proposed to contract for the erection of the nave and south aisle, south porch, and portion of the tower at the west end.——On Wednesday week the new church at Cholderton, near Salisbury, was consecrated. It is in the Perpendicular style, and consists of a long and somewhat narrow single aisle, lighted by four windows on each side, with a large three-light centre window at either end. The walls are of flint, with stone dressings; and the exterior exhibits some carving in the corbel heads, with a string course under the eaves. At the north-west corner is a campanile rising a short height above the roof. Buttresses are placed between each window. The great western door is carved in oak. On entering, there is an ante-chapel, separated by an ornamented stone screen from the body of the church. It is paved with Minton's encaustic tiles,—the centre piece displaying the arms of the United Kingdom. The sittings are of oak, profusely carved, and finishing with poppy-heads. The floor is paved with Minton's encaustic tiles. The pulpit is of stone, octagonal, with crocketed pinnacles. The roof is of open woodwork, and was brought from Ipswich, where it had long covered a public building on the quay, but was supposed to have been removed there at the period of the Reformation, from some old conventual church. The long and narrow shape of the church is owing to its adaptation to this roof. The eastern window is decorated with stained glass. The two contiguous side windows in the chancel are also filled with coloured glass. All these are the work of Mr.

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